

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 6:010. Request to Waive Five Year Test Recency Requirement for Amanda Sturgill

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the applicant's request to allow the expired passing assessment scores to qualify for issuance of a certificate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 6:010

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 6:010, Section 4 states "A passing score on an assessment established at the time of administration shall be valid for the purpose of applying for certification for five (5) years from the assessment administration date." The regulation further provides that an educator who fails to complete the EPSB application for certification within the applicable recency period of the assessment shall retake the assessment.

Summary: Amanda Sturgill completed her Rank 1 program for Learning and Behavior Disorders (LBD) in 2010 at Union College. Due to an oversight, the certification officer did not include recommendation for the LBD certification at that time, even though she had a passing score on file for the Praxis test. Since Ms. Sturgill was employed as an elementary teacher, she did not notice that the LBD credential was not added to her certification until recently when she applied for a special education position. She has provided letters of support and a statement where she describes how she has worked with special education students and teachers in her role as a teacher, principal and interventionist. Ms. Sturgill is requesting that the EPSB allow her previous test score to qualify for issuance of the LBD certificate though it is more than five years old.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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